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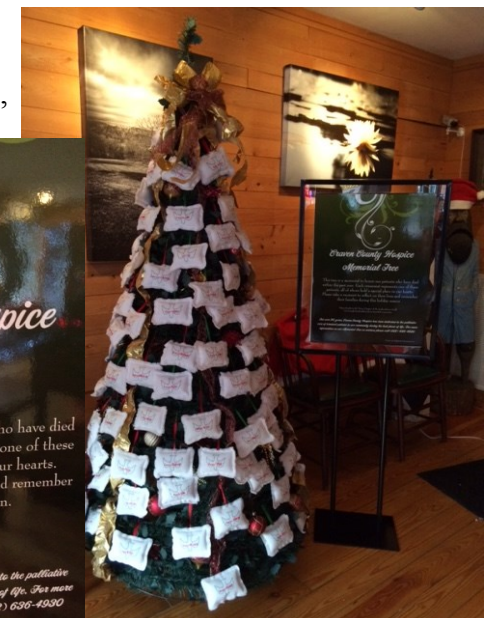


West New Bern Presbyterian Church was the site of a beautiful and meaningful nondenominational memorial service on December 2nd. One hundred and six Hospice patients were memorialized on that day. Families and friends attended the uplifting service, but, it was for the staff and volunteers of Hospice as well. The patients and their families allow our hospice staff to come into their lives at their most vulnerable time, which often facilitates a close and lasting relationship. The families will not forget those nurses, social worker, or their volunteer, just as they have left imprints on our hearts. The annual memorial service allows the healing process to begin, for families, friends and staff.

The service began with a sharing of bread and cider, reminiscent of a Moravian Lovefeast. Chaplain Angle Lorton explained that most cultures share a meal or bring food to those in mourning so we would be sharing with them. Each family was also asked to take a candle as they came in. The church was darkened as the names were read and the candles were lit one by one until there was a soft glow throughout the church. Hospice Director Thomas Smith gave us words of comfort, and Chaplain Angel Lorton left us with-

words of hope. Music filled the air when the congregation sang "Let there be peace on earth" and Brandi Holton sang "Temporary Home". It was a time of remembrance, some tears were shed, but all in all, it was a beautiful, comforting, hope filled, and uplifting afternoon.

Each month the Tryon Chapter of the Embroiderers Guild prepares beautiful ornaments or mementos for each patient. These ornaments were placed on a Christmas tree during the memorial service and transferred to a tree on display at Captain Ratty's until Dec. 17th. They were then distributed to the families by our staff and volunteers to be treasured for years to come.



When you make a memorial gift or donation to Craven County Hospice you are ultimately helping patients and families receive compassionate care when they need it most. These donations go towards supplies, medications and medical equipment that are not otherwise covered. Thank you for choosing Craven County Hospice.

*Please make the check payable to **CCHD- Foundation**. And mail to the address listed below.*



Craven County Hospice
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Hospice is a coordinated palliative and supportive care (physical, psychological, social, and spiritual) for dying persons and their families. Services are provided in the home by an interdisciplinary team of professionals and volunteers. Bereavement care is available to the family.

Famous Craven County Hospice Cider

Serves 100

- Ingredients**
- 1 gal. cider
 - 1 liter of lemonade
 - 10 oz. bag of Red Hots Candies

Directions

Heat cider on stove, add Red Hots and stir until melted. Add lemonade. Serve warm in Slow-Cooker or hot beverage server.



Veterans Day Event at Golden Corral

On Veteran’s Day, November 11, our staff and volunteers joined with Golden Corral here in New Bern for their Military Appreciation Day. Before the event, our volunteers spent many hours to use colorful ribbons and tie pens to special notes for the veterans. At the evening event, we handed out almost a thousand to the many veterans and their families who came to dinner that evening. For each veteran, Golden Corral gave them a free meal as a thank you for their service in the US military. For those volunteers and staff who were able to attend and give out the special notes, it was an amazing time to shake hands with these veterans, talk to them about their service, and meet their families. It was a great effort by Craven County Hospice volunteers and staff to make this a successful appreciation for the military on Veterans Day.

The tradition of setting a separate table in honor of our prisoners of war and missing comrades has been in place since the end of the Vietnam War. The manner in which this table is decorated is full of special symbols to help us remember our brothers and sisters in arms. The POW/MIA table is smaller than the others, symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner alone against his or her oppressors. This table is separate from the others and can be set for one to four place settings to represent each service participating in the event. The white tablecloth draped over the table represents the purity of their response to our country’s call to arms. The empty chair depicts an unknown face, representing no specific Soldier, Sailor, Airman, or Marine, but all who are not here with us. The table itself is round to show that our concern for them is never ending. The Bible represents faith in a higher power and the pledge to our country, founded as one nation under God. The black napkin stands for the emptiness these warriors have left in the hearts of their families and friends. A Purple Heart medal can be pinned to the napkin. The single red rose reminds us of their families and loved ones. The red ribbon represents the love of our country, which inspired them to answer the nation’s call. The yellow candle and its yellow ribbon symbolize the everlasting hope for a joyous reunion with those yet accounted for. The slices of lemon on the bread plate remind us of their bitter fate. The salt upon the bread plate represent the tears of their families. The wine glass, turned upside down, reminds us that our distinguished comrades cannot be with us to drink a toast or join in the festivities of the evening.



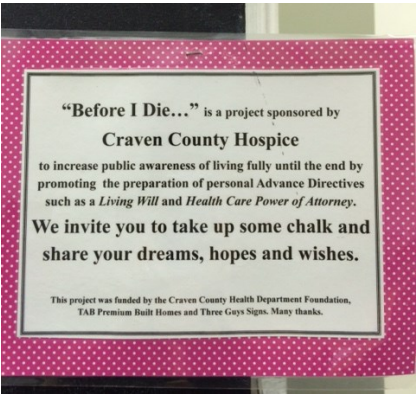
Please take the time to reflect on that small, lone table and raise a glass for our fallen comrades.

Mr. Lee K. Allen was presented with an appreciation plaque at the Craven County Health Dept. Foundation Board of Directors quarterly meeting in November. He was one of the founding members of the non-profit Foundation started in 1996 to educate the community about hospice and provide assistance to the patients and he has served on the board since then. Thank you, Mr. Allen for your dedication and service for many years. You will be greatly missed.



Craven County Hospice participated in the annual *New Bern Get Your Pink On* event.

New Bern Get Your Pink On (NBGYPO) is a community organization that strives to promote awareness, education, and support those affected by cancer. 100% of all donations benefit our community and over \$30,000 was raised by the event this year. The Hospice “Before I Die…” bucket list board was featured and all were invited to share their wishes and dreams. “to see an end to cancer…”, “to find a Cure for cancer…”, “to see my son Cancer Free…”, “to see pink as only a color again…” were a few of the wishes.



NOVEMBER IS National Hospice Month

National Hospice Month was celebrated by Craven County Hospice with a luncheon for the families of Hospice , the Staff, and Volunteers. Once again, the New Bern Elks generously provided a delicious meal of barbecue and chicken for over 75 people. The Southern Gentlemen entertained with their beautiful music which was enjoyed by all . There were also door prizes and visits from Cruella, the precious Pet therapy dog. The luncheon provides a wonderful reconnection for the families and staff and reminds us all that Hospice is about *comfort, love and respect* and that *everyday is a gift*.



Craven County Hospice offers free assistance to anyone wanting to complete an Advance Directive- Living Will and/or a Health Care Power of Attorney. Please call 252-636-4930, to schedule a time to complete your Advanced Directive. Look for our “Before I Die” Board around town. What would you like to do, before you die? Hopefully one thing is to complete an Advanced Directive and let your final wishes be known.

Hospice volunteers provide companionship to people living with a serious illness and help their family caregivers in a variety of ways. Hospice also relies on volunteers to help with office work, fund raising, community outreach and other operational areas. Are you interested in becoming a **Hospice Volunteer**? We are looking for dedicated men and women of all ages, who are willing to give of their time and talents, both in patient care and office assistance. We especially need volunteers in the Havelock ,Vanceboro and Cove City areas. If you would like to Volunteer, or need more information, please call 252-636-4930.



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